THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) Government is committed to restoration of peace in the North-East and has extended and invitation to all those who have strayed form the paths of togetherness to give up the path of violence and to come forward for talks within the four corners of the Constitution. However, no militant gorups operating from Tripura has come forward in this regard.

Lifting of ban on NSCN

1561. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to lift the ban on the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) shortly;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that NSCN has agreed to hold further talks with the Government without any pre-condition for restoration of normalcy in the North-Eastern Region; and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the other State Governments of the North-Eastern Region would be consulted before the ban on NSCN is finally lifted and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) The Notification under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 declaring NSCN including all its factions, wings and front organizations as unlawful association has expired on 26-11-2002. NSCN (IM) have presented a set of proposals which in their opinion would form the basis for discussions to achieve a comprehensive solution to the Naga problem. It would not be in the public interest to reveal details in this regard at this stage.

Establishment of FLEA

1562. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish Federal Law Enforcement Agency (FLEA);